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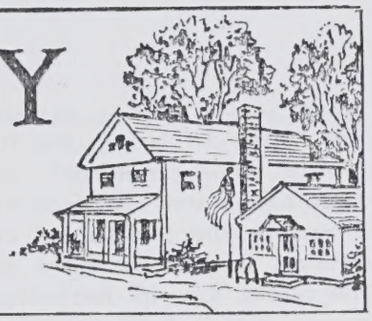

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TOWN MEETING AND ELECTIONS FEBRUARY 17

Monterey's annual town meeting and elections will take place Saturday, February 17. The day is reserved to complete all the transactions needed to carry on the business of the town. Some of the issues to be presented are outlined below. Most of the elections will be without contest, but in several sensitive areas choices will be made. It has not been possible to make definite plans for serving dinner. Watch for announcements. A strong turnout of townspeople is expected.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PROTECTIVE BYLAWS

Nine amendments to the town's protective bylaws have been presented to the Planning Board for their consideration and review. It is anticipated that all the proposals will be voted on at the town meeting. One of the amendments would allow restaurants in the agricultural-residential districts of the town. In this same classification multiple dwellings would be prohibited. Other amendments would make gravel beds subject to approval of the Selectmen, change set-back provisions for structures in the lakefront district, allow only one exterior sign per business, require holders of building permits to notify Selectmen 14 days before occupying a new structure, provide changes in building specifications and add two Alternates to the Board of Appeals, with power to vote if regular members are absent from a meeting.

REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS NOMINATE BRADLEY FOR SELECTMAN -- HEATH RUNS AS INDEPENDENT

At the Republican and Democratic caucuses early in January Thomas F. Bradley of Blue Hill Road, an Independent, was nominated for Selectman. At the Republican caucus he won by one vote over the incumbent, Kenneth R. Heath. Mr. Bradley is an employee of the state Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Heath became Selectman in 1971, when he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Howard Wells. He has filed nomination papers, as an Independent, with Town Clerk Suzanne MacIver. Thus, a contest for the office is assured.

HORSEPOWER LIMIT BEING STUDIED FOR BOATS ON LAKE GARFIELD

Dean Amidon has proposed to the Selectmen that a limitation of 50 horsepower meters for boats be sought for Lake Garfield. This proposal is under study. The state regulates such matters and it is not a decision for the town alone. The Amidon proposal contains a "grandfather clause" which would not limit motor boats already in use on the lake. Other considerations being studied are related to no swimming in the boat launching area and no boating in the swimming area.

LICENSING TO BE REQUIRED OF ALL SUPPLIERS OF DRINKING WATER

Massachusetts has passed a law, effective July 1, requiring the licensing of all who supply drinking water. Types of license issued will depend on the number of places serviced. This law will affect a number of persons in Monterey. Albert Phoenix, chairman of the board of directors of the Monterey Water Company has received information pertaining to this law.

KONKAPOT DAM NEEDING REPAIR, FUNDS SOUGHT

An article seeking $3,000 to repair the Konkapot River dam in the center of the village is being sought at town meeting, according to a statement made by John Pizzichimi chairman of the Selectman. The condition of the dam is affecting the appearance of the village center. Furthermore, the dam is needed to build up a reserve water supply in case of fire.

THE MONTEREY CHARACTER

Now, what is this, the Monterey character? Are people in Monterey different from people anywhere else? At first blush, we may be tempted to say that there are variations and similarities marking people everywhere. Why look for ways to characterize the people of one particular place? Well, at the risk of oversimplification, I want to make some observations about the Monterey character. Certainly the qualities of personality I am going to mention are in no way exclusive to our town. Yet I believe they are present here in distinctive fashion.

It is no secret that Monterey has gained a reputation for controversy. People in surrounding towns sometimes comment, "Well, you're at it again over there, aren't you?" Usually the first reaction to controversy is that it is bad. The implication is that people are simply being quarrelsome. There is no doubt that controversy sometimes produces negative results -- feelings are hurt and friendships are damaged. The tendency, then is to write controversy off as an unmitigated evil.

Yet much of our controversy does not turn out to be destructive. Indeed, it highlights a people who care deeply and whose caring is translated into action. It involves taking a position, even at the cost of pain and misunderstanding. The Monterey penchant for controversy, then, does not signify so much a quarrelsome spirit as it does the willingness to stand up and be counted. Our people feel deeply enough about issues to hurl themselves into the fray. Of course, issues sometimes spill over into personalities, but I find it refreshing to observe how often our townspeople, even after they have engaged in open conflict, are still able to respect and enjoy the persons with whom they differed. This is a sign of true vitality. I feel like cheering every time I see it.

The Monterey character also includes a strong capacity for cooperation. As a community we have a very favorable record on events that call for cooperative endeavor. An outstanding example of this is the Monterey Festival of the Arts. The number of people in our town who have some part, small or large, in helping this annual event to be so successful is simply astonishing -- and it is done with willingness and grace. This is but one example. This same spirit shows up again and again in town events. It is reflected not so much in "big things" as in our more everyday style of living.

Another native characteristic is the way we handle what I sometimes call,for want of a better name, "living space" -- not in terms of geography, but "personal space", the closeness and distance of people from each other. If people stay too far away from me I feel lonely and isolated. If they crowd in too close I feel suffocated. From time to time my needs for distance or closeness change. Certainly, other people's needs are quite different from my own. I feel that the people of Monterey are more sensitive to "living space" than those of any other community in which I have lived. People may move in close when it is needed; they may stand further back when more space is required. I wonder how my perceptions check out with the experience of others? Do some feel that people are always standing too far away to meet their needs? Do others feel they are being cramped and crowded? I should really like to know how people perceive the way their living space is treated by their fellows in this town?

How does a town or community acquire a character? I believe they do it in much the same way as persons. First of all, there are given qualities. A person is short or tall, brunette or blond, dark or fair. From these and many other "givens" he begins to interact with the world he finds himself in. His character emerges out of this interaction, so that he learns to be trusting or fearful, friendly or hostile, open or closed.

Monterey started like many another New England town. Yet, with all its similarities to other towns it had its unique features as well. Then, about a century ago, it became exposed to an interaction that surely has had a genuine role to play in shaping its character. I refer to our having become a summering place late in the 19th century and continuing in this role of being a meeting ground for persons from many different areas and backgrounds down to the present time. This mixing of persons, traditions and cultures within the particular "chemistry" that is Monterey has produced a character which I have come to regard as very special. So I have found myself wondering about these very special people we have come to know here and, in a reckless mood, decided to let this wondering take place with pen in hand.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses every Sunday at 10:00 alm. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

MONTERE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . . Church School at 9:15 a.m. . . . Ted Angel died on December 31. The committal service was at Corashire Cemetary on January 8. . . . Wedding bells for Robert Bradley and Karen Lee Lornauer Curtiss on January 30.

Annual Meeting

The congregation is holding its Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28. The meeting begins with the minister's report during the morning worship and continues until completed. A covered-dish dinner will be enjoyed at noon. Annual reports are contained in booklets distributed last Sunday.

MONTEREY GRANGE

On December 20 Monterey Grange #29 observed a Christmas program. The theme of the program was "Christmas in Other Lands." There was a gift exchange. Gifts by the Youth Committee were given to members in nursing homes. The last meeting was January 17. It was based on the theme "Down Memory Lane" showing events every ten years since 1900. The Grange is planning a sugar eat the early part of February. The date and other details will be announced.

Mary Wallace, Lecturer

GOULD FARM

Recent additions to the staff include several young people who find themselves with brief periods of time which they choose to spend as workers here. James (Jesse) Bowler and his wife, the former Ellen Price, are helping on the Farm and in the household for the month before they start back to college. Ira Weiss, a Monterey summer resident, will be at Gould Farm through January. His school in Stowe, Vermont, releases some of its students to work for this length of time on a project of their own selection.

Tom Sargent, from South Byfield, Massachusetts, has been accepted as a conscientious objector to do two years alternative service here. He is at present working as a helper in the maintenance department. Robert Brockman, of the Brethren Volunteer Service comes from Orange, Virginia. He plans to work at the Farm for the eight months remaining of his alternative service period.

Bill Mathews has recently received his degree from Yale Divinity School. He will be on the staff until September, when he expects to enter law school. William and Barbara Berwin have come to us from Wilberham and they are already finding valuable ways to bring their particular qualities and skills into the service of the community.

Rose McKee

LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid held a Christmas party at the home of Lucy Smith. Margery Janes read the Biblical account of the Christmas story and Ruth Carr read another story. All joined in singing carols and enjoying the holiday fellowship.

Early in December the ladies packed and mailed four duffel bags, about 147 pounds containing clothings, gifts, etc. to the Delmo Housing Corporation in Missouri. The Ladies Aid paid the postage to send the material and also for the return of the duffel bags to be used again next year.

A work meeting was held at Margery Janes' January 4. The last meeting was a Nina Tryon's home with Mary Pearson as co-hostess.

Stella Howes

PHILERGANS

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Marion Schneider, Thursday, February 22 at 8 pm. Bette Geigerman will present a film program and tape on the work of the Children's Protective Services. Bette produced this material for the Berkshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. It is being used by the organization to help tell their story. All women in the commuity are welcome.

"Life is like playing a violin solo in public and learning the instrument as one goes on."

THE BAD NEWS AND THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE MONTEREY NEWS

The staff of the MONTEREY NEWS has encountered an unusual combination of illness and vacations this month. As a result this issue is coming out later than we anticipated. Furthermore, it is a four-page issue rather than six. We regret the break in schedule and are sorry for any inconvenience it may have caused. At the same time we find ourselves all the more grateful for the fine body of people who continue to work together to help the MONTEREY NEWS exist.

The following list of contributors testifies to the continuing response to our financial appeal. Our very warm thanks to all of you!

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